

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO EXECUTIVE PROFILE



Chief of Staff to the Mayor

Robbie Greenblum

Robbie Greenblum joined the Office of Mayor Julián Castro as chief of staff in June 2009. He is the mayor's top adviser as well as the chief liaison for the mayor's office with city staff and the community.

Mr. Greenblum entered the ranks of municipal government following a successful 18-year legal career during which he handled immigration issues, including federal class-action impact litigation and political asylum cases, as well as domestic and international business matters. A bilingual native of Laredo, Mr. Greenblum successfully developed a family and business immigration practice at Matthews and Branscomb - San Antonio's oldest (and now largest) law firm - where he achieved shareholder status in his second year at firm. After leaving the firm, Mr. Greenblum continued to advise U.S. businesses, including some publicly traded companies, foreign investors and families on immigration matters.

Prior to that, Mr. Greenblum was staff attorney with the Refugee Assistance Council in Laredo and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. His work at the civil rights' committee included significant involvement in the class-action "Bowie High School" lawsuit that ended the U.S. Border Patrol's practice of conducting sweeps at a high school campus in El Paso, Texas.

Education

- J.D., School of Law, University of Texas at Austin, 1988
- B.A., Plan II (Honors Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Program), University of Texas at Austin, 1985
- La Universidad Complutense de Madrid, 1984

Professional Memberships and Community Involvement

San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors and Executive Committee (2009-present); KLRN Public (PBS) Television, Board of Directors (2006-present); KLRN Public (PBS) Television, Community Advisory Board, Organizer and Member (2005-2006); San Antonio Free Trade Alliance, Board of Directors (2004-present); Anti Defamation League, Southwest Regional Board of Directors (2003-2006); University of Texas at San Antonio, Great Conversations, Co-Chair (2005-2006); San Antonio Jewish Federation, Community Relations Council, Co-Chair (1999-2001); San Antonio Jewish Federation, Latino-Black-Jewish Dialogue, Founder and Co-Chair (1994-1998); San Antonio Express-News, Community Advisory Board (1999-2000); Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights/Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, Board Member (1995-2005).

Honors

National Lawyers' Guild/National Immigration Project, National Award (1993); American Civil Liberties Union, National Award (1993); El Paso Border Rights Coalition, Award Recipient (1993); El Paso Independent School District Proclamation, Recipient (1993).

Personal

Mr. Greenblum is married and has four children.